THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN):The total sale of LPG in the State of Assam by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the last three Years is as under:—

| Year | Consumption (in TMT) |
|---|---|
| 2000-2001 | 112 |
| 2001-2002 | 126 |
| 2002-2003 | 138 |

The LPG supply made by OMCs during the last three years in the State of Assam is in line with the demand of their registered consumers.

**Auto Fuel Policy**

1728. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a comprehensive auto fuel policy to control pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the fuel standards; and

(c) the modalities and structure of the proposed authority to implement the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed Auto Fuel Policy as recommended by Mashelkar Committee is aimed to be a comprehensive policy that addreses the question of suitable auto fuels, their availability and security of supplies, vehicle technology, emission reduction in a cost effective means for bringing about progressive improvements by reducing the impact of vehicular emissions on ambient air. As per the road map for implementation of vehicular emission norms, with effect form 1.4.2005, fuel corresponding to Bharat Stage-ll norms is planned to be introduced in the entire country and in respect of selected cities fuel corresponding to Euro-Ill norms is planned to be introduced *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005.

(c) The Mashelkar Committee has recommended setting up of a National Automobile Pollution and Fuel Authority (NAPFA), to be entrusted with the task of enforcing the policy.